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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer

State Prevails on Proposition 204 Litigation

PHOENIX – “I applaud the Superior Court today for its ruling regarding the State of Arizona’s Medicaid Reform Plan. This ruling ensures that elected officials maintain their authority to make difficult financial decisions on behalf of the State of Arizona.

“I don’t take lightly the Medicaid reforms we’ve implemented. The human impacts are real. But I and members of the Legislature were elected to make difficult decisions. In this case, our decision to freeze future Medicaid enrollment of adults without children spared devastating cuts to other critical state services, including K-12 education and public safety.

“As previously constructed, Arizona’s Medicaid program was unsustainable. State expenses climbed 65 percent in just four years. Today’s decision affirms both our effort to get a handle on those costs and the bedrock authority of elected officials to make decisions in the best interest of the state.”

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